

2006 Year in Review

- The Communications Center was relocated to the new Public Safety Center and has been in operation since October 25, 2006. During the transition period, all calls were dispatched with a minimum of disruption. The overall transition was accomplished by a group of highly trained professionals who dedicated themselves to making certain that the move of an entire radio system occurred with no inconvenience or sacrifice of safety to any County resident.
- The Department has hired additional patrol officers whose positions were allocated in July. These officers have started their training and will take on the duties of patrolling Roanoke County in an effort to reduce response times and provide a high level of police service to the citizens of the County.
- The addition of Segways and an increase in bicycle patrol has helped the Department better serve densely populated areas. Higher staffing levels have also allowed officers to better patrol outlying areas of the County.
- The Department made every effort to improve the law enforcement training for Roanoke County staff and other agencies in the Roanoke Valley. We will continue to pursue our goals in this area in 2007.
- The Department had a successful on-site assessment in August and then the Commissioners voted for the Department to receive its fourth reaccreditation.
- The Department has participated in executive and management training as well as skills training for many of the supervisory staff.



The Roanoke County Public Safety Center in 1987.

Goals for 2007

- Complete the move into the new public safety center with a minimum impact on services to the public.
- Continue to work to provide for a system of delivering the very best law enforcement training to all staff.
- Work to assure that all our communications systems are compatible in the Roanoke Valley, making certain that funds spent are used to improve the overall capability of the system to the best advantage of all users.
- Continue to use all resources to assure that the available staff are being used to their best advantage, emphasizing improved response times, solving criminal cases, and crime preventing.
- Continue to develop the staff to insure that the highest level of expertise exists in management to alleviate any lapse in services that may occur as senior staff retires.
- Review the manner in which services are delivered; determine if changes in staff assignments will improve services and implement those changes.